

2013 Property Tax Reform & other Topics

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**Some day everything
will all make perfect
sense.**



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2013 Property Reform & Other Topics

- **Business Property Tax Credit**
 - BPTC Process, File Preparation
 - Testing & File Upload
 - Maintenance of credits
 - Rules
- **Multi-residential classification**
 - Rules
 - Protests of value
 - Equalization process
- **Ag Adjustments**
 - CSR2
 - Iowa Access Fundina



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BPTC File Preparation Steps

- **File Extract from Auditors File**
 - Base File
 - **Step 1** – sort by owner name
 - **Step 2** – hide columns don't need
 - 2_2
 - **Step 3** – add application date column & aggregation indicator column
 - **Step 4** – query CAMA for primarily used for human habitation as much as possible
 - **Step 5** – sort CAMA query identify apartments and others that do not qualify
 - **Step 6** – remove aggregation indicators in your spreadsheet for those that do not qualify NULL field in your spreadsheet



BPTC File Preparation Steps

- **File Extract from Auditors File**
 - **Step 7** – Identify what is not a unit
 - Example different classification
 - Example of name ownership research
 - Example of not contiguous
 - Example of railroad parcels classed industrial
 - Example of railroad parcels classed as operating railroad
 - **Step 8** – Date applications are received
 - **Step 9** – Transferring information to BPTC file for upload
 - **Step 10** – File Upload



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Welcome s chambers

This site allows you to exchange data with the Iowa Department of Revenue.

Upload a Unit ID Generator File



The Unit ID generator file is a CSV file with 6 columns and is used to generate Business Property Tax Credit Application Unit Numbers. To upload a file, click the Upload Unit Number Generator File button below.

- Files must be in CSV or ZIP format.



[Upload Unit Number Generator File](#)



[Review Instructions](#)

File Status



Recent file activity is shown below.

- 11/8/2013 06_UnitFile_006.csv (0B)
- 11/8/2013 06_UnitFile_005.csv (0B)
- 11/8/2013 06_UnitFile_003.csv (12KB)




[View All Files](#)

Upload A Business Property Tax Credit Application Unit Number Generator File

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To upload a Business Property Tax Credit Application Unit Number Generator file, click "Select Files" below.

 [Select Files](#)

[? Unit Number Generator Instructions](#)

[? Upload Help](#)

Upload Tips



- Maximum upload size is 500MB
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Created Samples for Rajesh 

Name	Date modified	Type
 06_UnitFile_001.csv	11/7/2013 2:04 PM	Mi
 06_UnitFile_002.csv	11/7/2013 4:00 PM	Mi
 06_UnitFile_003.csv	11/7/2013 4:01 PM	Mi
 06_UnitFile_005.csv	11/8/2013 7:13 AM	Mi
 06_UnitFile_006.csv	11/7/2013 4:02 PM	Mi
 06_UnitFile_Base.csv	11/8/2013 7:15 AM	Mi

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You have selected the file 06_UnitFile_Base.csv (N/A)



Great! Now that you've selected a file, click "Upload Selected Files" to upload it.

[📁 Select Files](#)[↗ Upload Selected Files](#)[? Unit Number Generator Instructions](#)[? Upload Help](#)

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Your Files

Welcome s chambers, all of the files you have uploaded are displayed below. Files must be in completed status before Unit Ids will be generated. Emails will be sent when status of files change, but email as a whole does not guraneteed delivery so be sure to check back on the statuses of your files if you are expecting a status change.

File	Size	Uploaded	Status
06_UnitFile_Base.csv	57KB	11/8/2013 9:29 AM	Complete ✓
06_UnitFile_001.csv	298B	11/8/2013 9:30 AM	Needs Review ✕
06_UnitFile_002.csv	1KB	11/8/2013 9:30 AM	Needs Review ✕
06_UnitFile_003.csv	12KB	11/8/2013 9:30 AM	Needs Review ✕
06_UnitFile_005.csv	1278B	11/8/2013 9:30 AM	Needs Review ✕
06_UnitFile_006.csv	748B	11/8/2013 9:30 AM	Needs Review ✕

File Processing is Complete

Your file has been processed and unit numbers have been assigned. You may download or view the file by clicking the button below.



[Download Business Property Tax Generated Credit Unit Numbers](#)

Status



- ✓ Uploaded
- ✓ File Validation
- ✓ Imported
- ✓ Data Validation
- ✓ Accepted
- ✓ Unit Number Assignment
- ✓ Finished

File Validation



File validation determines if your file is the correct size, type, and format. Files that do not meet the requirements are rejected.

Passed

Your file has passed validation and has been imported for further processing.

- ✓ Correct Size
- ✓ Correct Type
- ✓ Passed Validation

Content Validation



Content validation determines if your file contains valid data, or if it needs to be reviewed before processing can complete.

File Passed

Your file has been validated and will be assigned unit numbers 2 business days after the validation date. If you need to delete this file and start over you can until the unit numbers are assigned.

File Processing is Complete but data issues were found.



Your file has been processed, but data issues were found. Press the "Review Data" button below to see what validation issues were discovered.

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- ✓ Imported
- ✗ Data Review Required
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- Finished

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Needs Review

There were a few items in your file that need review. Click on the button below to verify your data.

To see what data needs reviewed, click the Review Data button shown below.



[Review Data](#)

06_UnitFile_001.csv

Uploaded: 11/8/2013 9:30:15 AM

[File Status](#)

Needs Review



Please review the issues below and choose the appropriate action or delete the entire file.

[Delete File](#)

Count	Message	Action
3 - Rows Effected	Duplicate Unique Parcel Identifier	Take Action

06_UnitFile_001.csv

Uploaded: 11/8/2013 9:30:15 AM

[Data Review](#)

ISSUE: Duplicate Unique Parcel Identifier



Please take an appropriate action for each row below which have the issue mentioned above or take action for all rows at once.

Apply action to all rows:

[Ignore This Row](#)

[Retire Existing Row](#)

Row Number	Original Value	Action
2	0600 000001	Ignore Retire
3	0600 000002	Ignore Retire
4	0600 000003	Ignore Retire
		Update Selected Rows

Testing Timeframe

- All the preliminary work needs to be completed
- Test with as much real data as possible
 - Unique parcel ID #
 - Aggregation Indicators
- Timing
 - Week of November 18th 24 testers
 - Week of December 2nd all 99 counties coordinated by district
 - All test data cleared December 16th
- Live BPTC Unit Generator ID website

**Life is not about how fast you
run, or how high you climb,
but how well you bounce.**



**Grant me patience, but
please hurry.**



426C Business Property Tax Credit

Who can apply and when?

- 2013 Assessment 1st year
 - January 15, 2014 applications due
 - Initial application a **Person** may apply
- **Re-application**
 - Requires buyer or seller to reapply if a portion of the property comprising a unit was retained
- March 15th deadline after the first year, applications apply to prior year assessment



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426C Business Property Tax Credit

Who can apply and when?

- Sale prior to deadline requires reapplication
- Sale after deadline, application remains in effect for that fiscal year and reapplication applies to next fiscal year



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426C.1 & 426C.4 Business Property Tax Credit

Who Qualifies for the credit?

- Property classed as commercial, industrial or railroad (434)
- Vacant land, buildings on leased land,
- *Excludes:*
 - *Section 42 housing*
 - *Mobile home parks*
 - *Manufactured home communities*
 - *Land-leased community*
 - *Assisted living facilities*
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 - *All centrally assessed property (except railroad)*



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426C.1 & 426C.4 Business Property Tax Credit

What is a Unit?

- Within the same county
- Same classification
- Same ownership
- Separate item on tax list
- Operated by that “person” for common use and purpose
- Contiguous parcels:
 - share common boundary
 - within same building or structure, regardless of boundary
 - BLL’s are contiguous as long as the land upon which they sit is contiguous regardless of the land ownership



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426C.1 & 426C.4 Business Property Tax Credit

- What is a “Person”?
- Iowa Code 4.1
 - Individual
 - Corporation
 - Limited liability company
 - Government
 - Governmental subdivision or agency
 - Business trust
 - Estate
 - Trust
 - Partnership or association
 - Or any other legal entity



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426C.1 & 426C.4 Business Property Tax Credit

What is Common Use and Purpose?

- “Operated by that person for a common use and purpose”
- Owner occupied
- Leased



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441.21 Subdivision 13

Multi-Residential Classification

Beginning 2015 Assessment:

- Includes:
 - mobile home parks
 - manufactured home communities
 - land-leased communities
 - assisted living facilities
 - property primarily used or intended for human habitation containing three or more separate dwelling units
- Portions of properties less than three units used or intended to be used for human habitation (and a portion of the land) regardless of the number of units and that is not otherwise classed residential



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441.21 Subdivision 13

Multi-Residential Classification

Beginning 2015 Assessment New Class

- Excludes:
 - Section 42 housing
 - Hotels
 - Motels
 - Inns
 - Other buildings where rooms or dwelling units are typically rented for less than one month



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441.21 Subsection 13 Multi-Residential

- Classification is based on use
 - Vacant land used in conjunction with another parcel or property should be classed the same
 - That portion of a parcel with one or two dwelling units used for human habitation if on the same parcel with commercial/industrial valuation is classed as multi-residential
 - Multi-residential is to be **used or intended** to be used for human habitation if there is also commercial or industrial use
 - Dwelling units:
 - Apartment
 - Group of rooms
 - Single room
 - Occupied as separate living quarters or
 - if vacant, is intended for occupancy as a separate living quarters
 - Where a tenant can live and sleep separately
 - Assumes functioning utilities (water, sewer, electricity and heat)



441.21 Subsection 13 Multi-Residential

How will this be handled?

- For 2015 Software will have to accommodate two classes on a single parcel
 - 441.21 Subsection 13c
 - Commercial and multi-residential on the same parcel
 - Industrial and multi-residential on the same parcel
- Rules
 - Protests of Value
 - Equalization process



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**You were spotted dancing the
other night... don't give up the
day job.**



Agricultural Adjustments

- CSR2 discussion
 - NRCS soil survey
 - Web soil survey available January 2014
- 2014 Full Implementation
 - Use current soil survey or ISU CSR2 soil survey
- 2017 Implementation of CSR2 Official NRCS soil survey required



Agricultural Adjustments

- Iowa Access Funding
- Approval granted
 - Apply to IDR (application being developed)
 - Needs based
 - # of staff
 - # agricultural acres
 - Consolidated assessor levy rate
 - +/- \$300,000 funded



For those jurisdictions with staffing at a level of less than 4 Full Time Equivalents and greater than 10,000 Agricultural Acres per Full Time Equivalent or

Jurisdictions with greater than 3 Full Time Equivalents and are at their maximum statutory assessor levy rate of .675\$ per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

Assessor Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Valuation	Amount of Assistance for generation of a Land Use Layer (Assumes maximum charge to county of \$27,000)
>.675	Maximum 50% cost share by State
.674 - .60	40% cost share by State
.59 - .50	30% cost share by State
.49 - .40	20% cost share by State
.39 - .30	10% cost share by State
<=.30	No Assistance

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- **Business Property Tax Credit**
 - Steps to take in preparing files for the credit qualification
 - How to finalize aggregation indicators
 - Screen shots of website for file upload
 - Rules November 19th for review
- **Multi-residential classification**
 - Review of what qualifies
 - Rules & Protests of value not completed yet
 - Equalization process not completed yet
- **Ag Adjustments**
 - CSR2 required for 2017
 - Iowa Access Funding +/- \$300,000



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a remedy**



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